

# Maine's Child Safety Seat Law

(Effective January 1, 2003)



A child who weighs less than 40 pounds **AND** who is less than 4 years of age must ride in a Child Safety Seat.

(Infant, Convertible or Combination Seat)



A child who weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds **AND** who is less than 8 years of age must ride in a federally approved child restraint system.

(Booster Seat, EZ-On Harness/Vest)



A child who is less than 12 years of age **AND** who weighs less than 100 pounds must be properly secured in the back seat of the vehicle, if possible.

The penalty for violation of this law is \$60.00 plus court costs.

## FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY:

- Children must ride rear-facing until 1 year of age **AND** weighing at least 20 pounds.
- NEVER** place a child safety seat in the front seat of a car that has a passenger side air bag.

### Remember:

- Refer to the vehicle owner's manual for further guidance on proper installation of the child safety seat/restraint system.
- An approved safety seat/restraint system will be labeled: "The child restraint system conforms to applicable Federal motor vehicle Safety Standards."
- Failure to follow proper installation instruction could result in equipment failure and/or injury.
- Always register your child safety seat with the manufacturer
- Not every child fits in every seat and not every seat fits in every vehicle.

Maine has 41 Child Safety Seat sites to help low-income families get the proper safety seat/restraint system. For more information, call 1-800-698-3624.

8 to 12 years									
7 Years of Age									
6 Years of Age									
5 Years of Age									
4 Years of Age									
3 Years of Age									
2 Years of Age									
1 Year of Age									
Birth to Age 1									

0-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 81-100

## Weight in Pounds

Blue represents Rear-facing Infant Seat

Red represents Forward-facing Seat

Green represents Booster Seat/Harness System

Orange represents Safety Seat Belts

For children who are outside the colored portions of the chart, please call 1-800-698-3624 for more information.